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BOX PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Hironobu ISHIKAWA and Atsutoshi SUGIYAMA

CERAMIC DYNAMIC-PRESSURE BEARING AND HARD DISK DRIVE

USING THE SAME

Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.

Our Ref. Q68736

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising sixty-four (64) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and, seven (7) sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449 with references

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

TOTAL FEE \$884.00

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$884.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

Country

Application No

Filing Date

Japan

2001-65591

March 8, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE MION, PLLC

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